

**Bernard Moore to George Washington, December 29, 1766, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM COLONEL BERNARD MOORE.**

29th. Decr. 1766.

DEAR SIR

My inclination to do the Strictest Justice to the Several Gentlemen to whom I am indebted & the distress state of the Country making it impossible for some of them to wait untill the produce of my Estate can raise sufficient to satisfy the demands upon it, has induced me to make Sale of all my lands in King William to clear my incumbrances. I am willing to flatter my self from our long acquaintance that you have some regard for me and my large family, and that if its in your power to serve me that I may hope for your kind assistance to promote the Sale, Should it suit yourself to lay out monys in the purchase of Land perhaps those I intend to sell may answer your purpose. The Lands I propose to sell is where I live, the Tract contains about 3500 Acres, its of a long square, from River to River about 3 miles long & about 2 miles in width, the quallity you partly know, and if you will be kind enough to come and see the whole your good Judgement will goven you in what manner to Act. there is 500 fine bearing Apple trees, about 2000 fine young Peach trees that will begin to bear next Summer. The plantations for 20 of 30 hands in as good order for Cropping as any in the Country. Buildings on the plantations of all sorts and in good order, many of them new. The house I live in is as good as new, compleatly finished 5 rooms on a floor, garden, out Houses &c., all new, and in good order. If this tract should suit you, or you should think proper to purchase it for Master Custis I shall be glad to see you down

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here, I am most sure when you come to see the conveniences, and the Situation of the Land that we shant disagree<sup>1</sup>

My best complements attend on you & my old friend Mrs. Washington and am

Dear Sir Your Most Aff Servt. BERD. MOORE

<sup>1</sup> "Chelsea," the home of Colonel Bernard Moore, was situated on the Mattaponi River, in the parish of St. John, King William County.